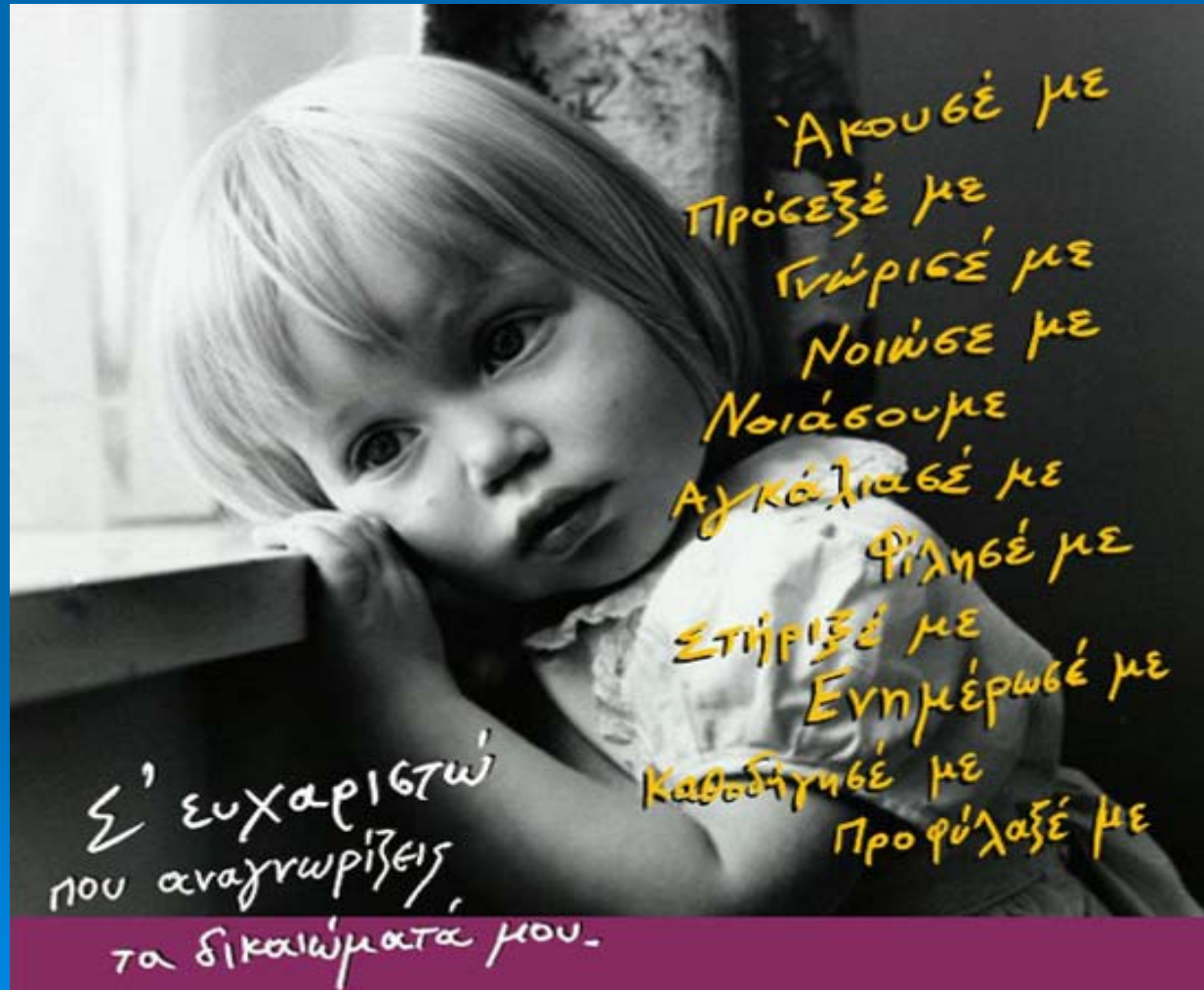


Organization for the Protection of Minors, Athens - ΕΡΑΑ



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Nature of the Organization

- The objective of the Organisation is to provide protection for minors who cannot stay with their families for various reasons.
- EPAA is a Legal Person of Public Law with its registered seat at the Athens Court of Appeal.
- It is represented by a seven member Board, chaired by the Irini Pantazi (currently a Vice Prosecutor at the Court of Appeal) and supervised by the Ministry of Justice. The participation of Board members is honorary and unpaid. The members who are selected by the Ministry of Justice have a particular interest and expertise in special education combined with a great social sensitivity.



Aims of the organization EPAA

Protecting minors

- The main purpose of the organization is to protect minors who are at risk and prevent their victimisation, abuse and neglect. Furthermore the prevention of lapses of behaviour and breaches of the Law.
- Other objectives of the Organisation include but are not limited to:
 - 1) The provision of material, social and psychological support to minors who are in care for various reasons.
 - 2) Provision of training, education, cultural entertainment and accommodation to minors.
 - 3) The organisation of seminars and research programmes related to the prevention of criminality and victimisation of minors.

SERVICES AND PROGRAMMES AT THE EPAA SHELTER

Location ' Omorfoklissias and Hanion, 14, Perissos.



- The 'House' hosts 20 boys aged 8-18 years, whose family environment is unsuitable for their protection, care and a healthy upbringing. The hospitality offered to the minors is provided on a temporary basis and it lasts until the problems that exist in their family environment are dealt with and the family is able to resume care of the child.
- The 'house' covers the basic needs of foster children (food, accommodation, medical and pharmaceutical care) and provides security, education, protection, recreation, principles, ethics and potential for improved quality of life. In parallel, efforts are made to achieve a healthy psycho-social development of the child to ensure conditions and possibilities for improved quality living.
- Currently all 20 children attend public schools in the district including elementary school, high School, vocational school, Second Chance School and the School of Tourism at Anavissos. Participation in sporting and artistic activities depending on the inclinations and interests shape the individual programme of activities.
- Some of the children have been awarded medals of distinction for various sports including athletics, football (AEK professional football team) and professional Break Dance. One 17 year old boy was awarded the first prize in a nationwide drawing competition held by the General Secretariat for Youth and the Youth Institute.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT OF MINORS

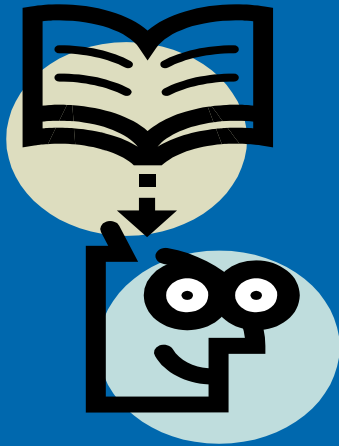
- Programme of psycho-social support to children and family
- Team parents: multi-level support for parents of children in order to achieve improvement of child-family relationship and empower parents to effectively exercise their parental role. The main goal of counselling parents is to develop parenting skills and awareness of human relations, communication and education of healthy conditions.
- Extra tuition for elementary students on a daily basis: Sponsoring Group Sorroptimistikou Piraeus
- Social work with groups in cooperation with the Centre for Prevention "IRIDA" in the Municipality of Nea Ionia
- Remedial teaching for high school students in the subject of mathematics in cooperation with the Ministry of Education
- Participation of children in children's summer camps in the Municipality of Nea Ionia and Athens and to private camps KORELKO (sponsored Korelko Group)
- Extra tuition for high school students in the disciplines of mathematics, literature and language: through sponsorship
- Schedule of artistic activities under the auspices of the Department of Athens University
- Theatrical games with voluntary guidance of coordination animator specializing in theatrical games
- Volunteer group work in cooperation with the Group's Parent Centre for Social Policy of the Municipality of Nea Ionia, the Department of Red Cross volunteers and the community of Nea Ionia

How does the EPAA organization get its funding?

- EPAA is funded partially from the subscriptions of members of the organization.
- Fundraising
- Donations and bequests.
- Government grants, proceeds of which are deposited in NBG
- The revenues and expenses are controlled by the relevant Financial Services of the State.
- **BUT:**
The current economic crisis has resulted in major cuts in the budget of the Organisation.



How can YOU help and contribute?



- Teaching and support with studying, art lessons, English language teaching
- Organization of sports activities and coaching
- Offer cinema or other entertainment visits
- Fundraising activities such as bazaars and theatrical events.
- Donations of clothes, books, unwanted computers etc
- By offering companionship

Members of the organization



- The President of the Organisation is Irini Pantazi-Melista, Vice Prosecutor at the Athens Court of Appeal
- Members of the Organisation include psychologists, doctors, lawyers, social workers and educators.
- The names of the members are ‘
- Ekaterini Tzeli,’ General Secretary
- Theodosia Pentarvani ‘ Vice President
- Sevasti Papamitropoulou ‘ Treasurer
- Dimitris Georgiadis
- Fotini Papadopoulou

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